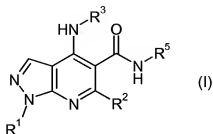


ABSTRACT

Pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine Compounds, and their use as PDE4 Inhibitors

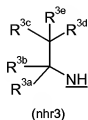
The invention relates to a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein: R¹ is Et, n-Pr, i-Pr, C₂fluoroalkyl, or -CH₂CH₂OH;

R² is H, Me, Et, n-Pr, i-Pr, C₁₋₂fluoroalkyl, cyclopropyl or (cyclopropyl)methyl-;

and NHR³ has the sub-formula (nhr3):



wherein R^{3a} is methyl or ethyl; R^{3b} is H, methyl or ethyl; R^{3c} is H, methyl or ethyl, R^{3d} is H, methyl or ethyl, and R^{3e} is H or methyl,

provided that: (a) R^{3b} is methyl or ethyl; and/or (b) R^{3c} and R^{3d} are independently methyl or ethyl; and provided that: (c) when R^{3c} is ethyl and/or when R^{3d} is ethyl and/or when R^{3e} is methyl, then: R^{3a} is methyl and/or R^{3b} is hydrogen or methyl.

These compounds are PDE4 inhibitors.